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PLEASE NOTIFY HYDROMET--BOGDANOV, DENISOV, AND KRINITSKY.

1. IF ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS, DR. DALE JENKINS WILL ACCOMPANY SKOOG TO MOSCOW DURING SEPTEMBER 10-14 PERIOD. PLANNED ARRIVAL FROM STOCKHOLM 10 SEPTEMBER (SK FLIGHT 768, 17:15 HOURS); DEPARTURE, 14 SEPTEMBER. IF PREFERABLE, COULD ARRIVE 9 SEPTEMBER, BUT EARLIER ARRIVAL NOT POSSIBLE. NEED APPROVAL SOONEST; USSR EMBASSY NEEDS CLEARANCE TO ISSUE VISAS; SKOOG LEAVES FOR STOCKHOLM 30 AUGUST.

2. JENKINS PREPARED TO DISCUSS PROJECT V/3 (PRESERVES); SKOOG, PROJECTS V/1,2 (WILDLIFE; TUNDRA ECOSYSTEMS) AND PLANS FOR SOVIET OCTOBER VISIT TO USA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH EARLIER PROPOSALS IN REFTTEL(B). DISCUSSION ON PROJECTS SHOULD ENCOMPASS ORGANIZATION AND SCOPE OF EXCHANGE PROGRAMS, GENERAL TOPICS OF INTEREST, AND SPECIFIC TOPICS FOR OCTOBER MEETING. DISCUSSION ON OCTOBER MEETING SHOULD INCLUDE SOVIET PROPOSALS AND THEIR INTERESTS FOR FIELD-TRIP. SKOOG ESPECIALLY WANTS TO DISCUSS (A) MUTUAL INTERESTS REGARDING PERMAFROST, (B) JOINT-STUDIES IN ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH, AND (C) ALASKA/SIBERIA RECIPROCAL VISIT IN 1974. A SEPARATE DISCUSSION TOPIC OF INTEREST TO US IS ARID-LANDS MANAGEMENT AND POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH EXCHANGE PROJECT. THEY WOULD HOPE TO LEAVE MOSCOW WITH FIRM AGREEMENT ON PROJECT ORGANIZATION AND ON AGENDA FOR OCTOBER MEETING.

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3. US SPECIALISTS FOR POLAR BEAR (JACK LENTFER), WOLF (DR. DAVID MECH), AND REINDEER (SKOOG) WILL BE IN STOCKHOLM SEPTEMBER 3-7. THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSULTATION WITH SOVIET BIOLOGISTS IN STOCKHOLM.

4. E. CURTIS BOHLEN, CHAIRMAN OF "PROBLEM AREA V", EXTENDS WARM GREETINGS TO BOGDANOV AND INVITATION FOR HIM TO VISIT US AND TO PARTICIPATE IN PROPOSED OCTOBER MEETING OF AREA V WORKGROUPS. ROGERS

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